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of the
ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with
FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

on
Wednesday, October 28, 1981

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ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Program Committee:

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Quarterly Conference:

Rev. Harold Baker, Chairman,
Don Fletcher, Paul Stikeleather

Time, Place, Preacher:

Rev. Homer Baity, Chairman,
Rev. J. C. Gwaltney, Dennis Williams

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Michael Howard, Chairman
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Lynn Moose, Tommy Chatham

Resolutions Committee:

Rev. Elbert Goble, Chairman
Rev. Perry Link

Evangelism:

Rev. Jack Pugh, Chairman
Rev. J. C. Gwaltney

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

LIST OF MESSENGERS

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SULPHUR SPRINGS: Ricky Crater,
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Hilda Younger,
Mrs. Opal Rupard

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Shelia Lackey

WHITE PLAINS: Rev. Harold Baker,
Rev. Elbert Goble,
Glenn Adams,
Fess Blankenship

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

Name

ARTICLE I

This Union of Churches shall be known as The Rocky Face Baptist Association.

Purpose

ARTICLE II

The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men. It shall strive, as far as possible to aid in the development of the churches which constitute its membership. Each church shall be free to support such mission work as it feels led; however, every church is urged to comply with the teaching of the scriptures concerning missions.

Membership

ARTICLE III

The membership of this Association shall be comprised of Missionary Baptist Churches and sponsored missions.

Churches or missions desiring affiliation with this Association, upon proper notice to the Association Executive Committee, shall be taken under the watchcare of the Association for one year; thence into membership.

All affiliated churches and missions shall be expected to cooperate in all Associational programs of work.

Each church or mission may be represented at the Annual Meeting of the Association by at least three (3) messengers elected by the church from its active membership. Messengers shall be limited to a basis of 1-50 members after the basic three messengers (basic three messengers to equal the first 150 membership.)

Affiliation

ARTICLE IV

This Association shall be affiliated with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and in turn with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Meeting

ARTICLE V

This Association shall hold an annual meeting the last Wednesday in October of each year. Quarterly conferences shall be held on the first Sunday afternoon of each quarter. The Executive Committee may call other meetings if deemed necessary.

Officers

ARTICLE VI

The officers of the Association shall be:

(1) A Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Director of Sunday Schools, Vacation Bible School Director, Training Union Director, and WMU Director.

(2) The above officers are to be elected on the first day of the Annual Session and shall take charge at the close of the Session. Officers may be re-elected to successive terms if agreeable with both Association and officers.

(3) All officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee.

(4) An Executive Committee shall be constituted of the following:

a. The pastor of each church or mission affiliated with the Association.
b. One layman elected by each church from its active membership.
c. Any other General Associational officer not herein under covered.
d. The committee shall elect chairman from its own group.

Powers

ARTICLE VII

The powers of this body shall be kept in strict conformity with New Testament principles.

(1) The Association cannot obligate or bind any church in any matter.

(2) The Association shall have no coercive power to exercise lordship over God's heritage.

(3) It shall act only as an advisory council in all matters. Then only when called upon by the churches.

(4) Any church of the Association may appeal to the Association through the Executive Committee for advice.

(5) The Association shall withdraw fellowship from any church in its membership which shall be found to be disorderly in faith and practice, but not until charges are brought against it by some other church and carefully considered by the Executive Committee of the Association.

(6) The officers of the Association shall be expected to promote within the Association the duties of their office. It shall be their responsibility to contact, encourage and promote the work among the churches.

(7) The Association shall have no power over the Ordination of Ministers of the Organization of new churches, unless help is requested by interested parties.

(8) All matters to be considered at the Annual Session shall be presented to the Executive Committee at least 90 days prior to the Annual Session.

(9) All decisions shall be reached by majority vote of messengers present at the session.

(10) Each messenger to exercise his voting privilege must register with the clerk and wear his registration tag. An alternate voting in the place of a messenger must do likewise.

Committees

ARTICLE VIII

The nominating Committee shall at the beginning of each Annual Session present to the body a slate of the following committees and/or officers.

(1) A slate of General Officers listed herein under.

(2) Program Committee-Annual Session-5 members (Vice Moderator, Clerk, one pastor and two laymen.)

(3) Time, Place, Preacher - 3 members (any church wishing to invite the Association for the next Annual Session, shall do so by filing a written invitation with the clerk one month before the immediate session.)

(4) A new Committee on Nominations - 5 members.

(5) Resolutions - 3 members.

(6) The report of the Nomination Committee shall be printed in sufficient number for distribution at the Annual Session. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations to contact each person that is placed before the body for elections, to secure their assent.

(7) Evangelism Committee - 3 members.

AMENDMENT to ARTICLE V - Meeting

Quarterly conferences shall be held on the third Thursday evening of each quarter.

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE II

The enrolled messengers present will constitute a quorum to transact business in the name of the Association.

Duties of Officers

ARTICLE III

(1) Moderator - preside at the meeting, preserve order, appoint any committees as deemed necessary and exercise all other duties of a presiding officer.

The book of Parliamentary Procedures by Keerfoot shall be the basis of ruling order.

He shall, so far as his private duties permit, communicate with the churches promoting the work of the Kingdom.

(2) Vice Moderator - preside in the absence or at the invitation of the Moderator. Perform all other duties common to moderator at his instruction.

(3) Clerk - keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the body and superintend the printing and distribution of the same. One month following the Annual Association Meeting the clerk shall forward to the printer all material then in his possession for the printing of the minutes. The minutes are to be printed whether or not all church letters have been received at that time.

He shall be paid $100.00 annually for his services.

(4) Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and distribute all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

All money paid into the Association treasury shall be acceptable by check only.

The treasurer shall be paid $2.50 per hour for the number of hours actually spent discharging the work for the Association.

The treasurer shall act as the secretary of the Association.

(5) Historian - It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the church with whom the day session is held.

(6) Sunday School Director, Vacation Bible School Director, Training Union Director, and WMU President -- it shall be their duty to promote their respective work among the churches and at the associational level.

Duties of Committees

ARTICLE IV

(1) Program: (Annual Session) It shall be the duty of the Program Committee to prepare and publish at least 60 days prior to Annual Session the program agenda. A verbal commitment must be received from all participants on the program. In event a speaker cannot fill his commitment, it shall be his responsibility to notify the committee, in advance of the session, except in extreme emergencies.

(Quarterly Conference) - To prepare an appropriate, informative and inspirational program. The committee shall use its own discretion as to program material.

(2) Time, Place, and Preacher - It shall be the duty of the committee to select the place of the next Annual Session, to fix the time, name of the preacher and alternate to preach the Annual Sermon. (See No. 3, Article VIII of Constitution.)

(3) Nominations - It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations to nominate the officers of the association as well as standing committee members. This committee shall report to the Executive Committee at least 60 days prior to the Annual Session.

(4) Resolutions - It shall be the duty of the Committee on Resolutions to prepare and purpose to the Association resolutions of appreciation to the host church, and consider any other matters referred to it by the moderator.

(5) Evangelism - To plan and promote evangelistic work in the association and to report at annual session.

ARTICLE V

The expenses of the Association shall be provided for by the churches. Each church in the Association shall be expected to share in this provision of funds.

All money coming into the Association shall be directed to the treasurer.

For the sake of clarity the clerk shall advise each church at least 30 days prior to the Annual Session concerning the cost per copy of Associational Minutes.

ARTICLE VI

Any motion for Associational or Executive Committee consideration must be presented in writing, at the time it is presented verbally, for consideration by the body or committee.

ARTICLE VII

It shall be the responsibility of the clerk to insert at the proper place in the printed minutes any new motion concerning the Constitution, By-Laws, or Policy that may be adopted.

ARTICLE VIII

The Constitution and By-Laws may be changed or ammended or revised at any regular session if a majority of the messengers concur, provided the notice under Article VII of the Constitution has been given.

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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CONCORD: Michael Howard, Rt. 3, Box 257B
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MT. NEBO: Dennis L. Dyson, Rt. 4, Box 369-B,
Taylorsville, N.C. 28681

PLEASANT GROVE: Jack Pugh, Rt. 2, Box 161,
Stony Point, N.C. 28678

ROCKY FACE: Ronald Brookshire, Rt. 4, Box 182
Taylorsville, N.C. 28681

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TAYLOR SPRINGS: J.C. Gwaltney, Rt. 9, Box 317-A
Statesville, N.C. 28677

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WAYFOUND: Neil George, Rt. 2, Box 426
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WHITE PLAINS: Harold Baker, Rt. 2, Hiddenite

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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CONCORD:

DOVER: Clarence Dillard, Rt. 2, Lenoir

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FAIRVIEW: Edd McLain, Rt. 1, Hiddenite

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MT. NEBO: W. Dwight Payne, Rt.2, Hiddenite

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Union Grove, N.C.

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Taylorsville, N.C. 28681

MT. NEBO: Mrs.Karen Fox, Rt. 1, Hiddenite

PLEASANT GROVE: Louise Santorum, Rt. 11,
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Taylorsville, N.C. 28681

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WHITE PLAINS: Eileen Kerley, Rt. 2,
Hiddenite, N.C. 28636

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MUSIC DIRECTORS

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CONCORD: Zeno Matheson, Rt. 3, Taylorsville

DOVER: Ned Pennell, Rt. 2, Taylorsville

FAIRVIEW: Carl Childers, Rt. 1, Box 322
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MT. NEBO: Margaret Southers, Rt. 2,Hiddenite

PLEASANT GROVE: Boyd Childers, Rt. 2, Hidd.

ROCKY FACE: Mrs. Patsy Little, Rt. 3,
Taylorsville, N.C. 28681

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Fred Stocks, Rt. 2, Hidd.

TAYLOR SPRINGS: Miss Barbara Privette
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WAYFOUND: Wade Patterson, Rt.1, Hiddenite

WHITE PLAINS: Larry Millsaps, Rt. 3, Box 118,
Taylorsville, N.C. 28681

ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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CONCORD: Ricky Childers, Wilkesboro Rd.
Taylorsville, N.C. 28681

DOVER: Tommy Jolley, Rt. 2, Lenoir, N.C.

FAIRVIEW: Tommy Chatham, Rt. 2, Hiddenite

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Box 343, Statesville

MT. HEBRON: Gaither Wike, Rt. 5,
Taylorsville, N.C. 28681

MT. NEBO: Larry Burgess, Box 11, Hiddenite

PLEASANT GROVE: Joe Bunton, Rt. 8,
Statesville, N.C. 28677

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SULPHUR SPRINGS: Roy Durmire, Rt. 2,
Hiddenite, N.C. 28636

TAYLOR SPRINGS: Frank Patterson, Rt. 1
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WHITE PLAINS: Charles Kerley, Rt. 2,
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ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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DOVER: Miss Kim Pennell, Rt.2, Taylorsville

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ROCKY FACE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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SULPHUR SPRINGS: Mrs. Flossie Lackey
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PROCEEDINGS

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

The Thirty-second Annual Session of the Rocky Face Baptist Association convened on October 28, 1981, at the Fairview Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Crater, Moderator, presiding.

9:30 - Carl Childers, choir director at Fairview, led the congregation in the opening hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

9:35 - Phil Branton led in the opening prayer and read from Ephesians 4:1-16.

9:40 - Rev. Paul Crator called the 32nd Annual Session to order and led in the organization.

Rev. Ruel Fox, host pastor, gave the welcome and announcements

Roll call of churches was led by Robert St.Clair, Clerk.

Visitors and new members as well as new pastors were recognized.

In the absence of the treasurer, Robert St.Clair gave the treasurers report.

10:15 - The moderator called on Rev. J.C. Gwaltney to lead in prayer.

10:00 - A list of Association officers was presented by Rev. Perry Link with Paul Crator as Moderator and Neil George as Vice moderator.

Association Officers and Committees for 1981-82 were adopted as presented.

PROCEEDINGS

10:10 - In a motion from a new church seeking admission to the Rocky Face Association, the Mountain View Baptist Church, it was noted that the church should come under the watch care of the Association. The letter was to be presented to the Executive Committee and the Committee has to be presented to the Association.

A motion was made by Rev. J.C. Gwaltney that all pastors and lay persons get together and reach a decision as to what to do about accepting this church into the Association and that it should be taken care of as soon as possible.

Rev. Neil George read from the By-Laws on the Powers of the Executive Committee.

This motion was made and seconded that each church elect a layman for this committee as soon as possible.

10:20 - Accommittee made up of Rev. Harold Baker, Rev. Perry Link, and Rev. Elbert Goble made the motion that each church in the Association be encouraged to send to the Associatio $1.00 per average Sunday School attendance.

10:25 - Rev. Ruel Fox introduced the Homes for the Aged Representative, Jim Saul, who gave this report.

PROCEEDINGS

10:30 - Rev. Neil George, Hospital Representative, presented Jim Saul who gave this report.

10:40 - The Vacation Bible School Report was given by Mrs. Bruno Santorum She reported that 100% of churches reported having VBS.

10:45 - Jim Saul was again presented by Rev. Neil George and presented a report of the Annuity Retirement Board.

10:55 - Rev. Dennis Dyson presented Ron Richardson who gave the Children's Home Report.

11:00 - Rev. Jack Pugh gave the report on Evangelism.

11:20 - Rev. Harold Baker was in charge of the "In Memoriam" part of the program paying tribute to those in the associations who have gone on to be with the Lord. He led in the closing prayer. The congregation sang "Near the Cross."

11:30 - Rev. Perry Link delivered the annual message taken from the scripture passage Ecclesiastes 7:10.

12:00 - Adjournment for lunch. Prayer of thanks was given by Rev. Paul Crator.

PROCEEDINGS

Afternoon session

1:15 - Hymn, "Victory in Jesus" led by Carl Childers.

1:25 - Scripture and prayer by Rev. Michael Howard reading from Acts 2:41-47.

1:30 - Moderator recognized new pastors, Rev. Bill Smith, Rev. J.R. Fox, Rev. Michael Howard.

In giving a report for the Biblical Recorder, Rev. Neil George read a letter from Marse Grant, editor.

There were no representatives to give reports from the Sunday School and WMU.

Mrs. Phil Walker gave a report on the Church Training Program.

1:40 - Rev. Homer Baity reported for the Time, Place and Preacher Committee, reporting that the 1982 annual session will be held at Concord Baptist Church with Rev. Bill Smith preaching the annual message.

Rev. Elbert Goble gave a report from the Resolution Committee.

1:45 - Rev. Harold Baker gave the afternoon message on Missions using scripture from Acts 13:1-9.

2:25 - Rev. Ronald Brookshire gave a report from the Christian Action League.

2:30 - Rev. J. R. Fox gave the closing prayer.

Adjournment.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October, 1980

Balance on Hand	$ 113.85
Receipts	743.15
Total	$ 857.00

Expenses:

Associational VBS Materials	$ 81.30
Assoc. VBS Refreshments	38.77
Supplies for VBS Clinic	5.00
Mileage to VBS Clinic	6.00
VBS supplies & mileage	55.36
500 Minute books	525.00
Postage and mailing	21.20
Bank service charge	6.90

Salaries:

Clerk	$ 100.00
Secretary-Treasurer	
Total Expenses	$ 839.53
Balance on hand, October, 1981	$ 18.47

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jeanette J. St.Clair
Secretary-Treasurer

N.C. BAPTIST HOMES REPORT

As we look back over the past thirty years of ministry in our Baptist Homes, it is a real inspiration to see where we have been and to meditate on the many blessings that God has so richly bestowed upon us. He has brought us from one unit; from one resident to a total capacity for 300 persons in 1981. These have been good years, and God has used N.C. Baptists to bring this special ministry to older people along way. Where we go from here is certainly, as always, in the hands of the Lord, but depends largely on where N.C. Baptists want to go.

Quite frankly, we are at a standstill. Crippling inflation has caught up with us and is eating into the very vitals of our existence. We are still giving the same high quality of Christian care to each of the residents in the six homes, Nursing Care Unit, and the apartment complex. It is a struggle and a juggle between income and expenditures.

Building plans for a desperately needed 70 bed addition to our current Nursing Care Unit and the Hayes Home have been held up by regulatory red tape for years. Now that the state health laws have been altered to permit the building of these beds, it doesn't appear that we could wisely borrow the money at the current interest rates.

Though 1980 gifts through our Cooperative Program and the N.C. Missions Offering are a little more than $550,000.00 (18% of all income), these gifts are not commensurate with our current population growth and the ministry support needs of the Homes.

Two things are apparent. One, Baptists must be informed of our needs and do all possible to increase their gifts accordingly through the regular channels--the Cooperative Program and the N.C. Missions Offering. Two, North Carolina Baptists must help us find ways to raise money for development and expansion to meet the needs of current residents and the needs of growing numbers of older adults.

The General Board of the Baptist State Convention has joined us in our concerns and has appointed a Special Study Committee to take a serious and close look at the financial needs of our Baptist Homes.

We will continue to trust our Heavenly for His blessings upon the Homes' vital ministry to older adults. We will keep faith with Him and with N.C. Baptists and strive to give the highest quality care to each resident of the N.C. Baptist Homes. We will believe that our future is as bright as the promises of God Himself and as sure as the love and devotion of N.C. Baptists.

--submitted by

W.A. Poole,
Executive Director

BIBLICAL RECORDER REPORT

Again this past year, the Biblical Recorder has reminded us all of the value of good church-pastor relations. This is just one of many subjects the Recorder seeks to cover for North Carolina Baptists.

The editor believes strongly in the local church as well as the ministry and work of the pastor. As all of us know, nothing can take the place of a good church and a good pastor.

And yet, we also know that there are those in our midst who do not believe in this as much as they should. The Recorder is a constant reminder to us that a bedrock of Baptist life is a strong local church served by a dedicated pastor.

The Recorder also challenges us in many other ways. For example, it reported that there was a net gain of only 21 new churches in our convention in the past 10 years. This shocked many people, especially in view of the number of new churches organized in the last 50 years and in the population growth of our state in the last decade.

The Recorder was happy to report that the Southern Baptist Convention in Los Angeles was a good one. Those unable to attend were given an accurate and complete picture of what happened there--a front row seat, as it were, for only 7¢ (cost of one Recorder.)

When people know the truth--and truth must be spoken in love--we have a better convention, better churches, better associations and better individual Christians. The Recorder is that instrument of communication that keeps us closer together as Baptists.

If you are not receiving the Recorder, you are missing something vital to your Christian life. The cost is still much less than one-half the price of a first class stamp. Surely, every church and every individual can afford that much.

-- submitted by

J. Marse Grant, Editor
BIBLICAL RECORDER

RESOLUTION REPORT

We hereby resolve to give thanks to God for allowing us to live for another year.

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to Fairview Baptist Church for their warm hospitality to the Rocky Face Association and to each one who participated in providing the bountiful lunch, for the 32nd session of the association.

Respectfully submitted,
Elbert Goble, Chairman
Larry Burgess

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

The ministry of the Baptist Children's Homes in Piedmont North Carolina continues to grow and develop. This is made possible by the continuing support of many Christian friends. Vital to the work of the Homes is financial support through special gifts, the North Carolina Missions Offering and income through the Cooperative Program.

The Thomasville Family Services Center offers to residents in the 28 surrounding counties any and all services of our statewide ministry. Many of these services are actually located within these counties: group care at Mills Home, a specialized group home at Wall Home, Wallburg, emergency care at High Point and Burlington, a network of licensed foster homes, therapeutic camping in Moore County, social service of offices in Hickory, Thomasville and Burlington, The Child Development Center and Family Resource Center in Thomasville, plus counseling and referral services.

During the past year an amphitheater has been completed on the Mills home campus under the sponsoreship of the Alumni Association. The therapeutic camping program of the Institution has been consolidated to make use of the Cameron Home near Vass.

Good things are taking place in our BC Homes family across the state. Six Family Services Centers have been opened with three others in planning stages. Children are being provided temporary care in 7 Emergency Care Homes. The Child Development Center in Thomasville continues to offer progressive demonstration preschool care as a model for N.C. Baptist Churches.

2- Baptist Children's Homes

The Family Resource Center located in Thomasville is piloting a concept of continuing education for people across the State who are in the best position to assist families through a concept of preventive care.

Larry Sawyer and members of the staff of the Homes in Piedmont N.C. are leading the program in a very fine way. In the words of Paul they can say "We are laborers together with God" (1 Corinthians 3:9). Thank Him for this relationship.

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BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME REPORT

The Foster Home Program of Baptist Children's Homes is a ministry in need and, only through the prayerful concern and action of dedicated Christians can this need be filled.

Baptist Children's Home needs you!!! Baptist Children's Homes greatly appreciates the financial support which we receive from North Carolina Baptists each year. But, would you consider a more personal involvement in the life of a young person? We are faced with a dramatic shortage of Christian families who are willing and able to care for young people, ages 13-18. Please pray about and consider your family as a possible foster family for Baptist Children's Home.

Donna B. Lail
Baptist Children's Homes
Of North Carolina, Inc.
Hickory Area Social Worker

EVANGELISM REPORT

All Baptists are urged to participate in the Joint Evangelistic Crusade in 1982. The theme will be "Here's Hope". Interpretation Meetings have been held across the state to suggest plans and basic thrusts for the Joint Crusade effort, which is co-sponsored by the Baptist State Convention and the General Baptist State Convention. The Simultaneous Revival dates for the areas are: Coastal- March 14-28; Piedmont - April 4-18; and Mt.- April 25-May 9. Every church is encouraged to plan a revival meeting during one of these suggested dates. Let us pray daily that every unsaved person in North Carolina will have the opportunity to hear the gospel of Christ by the end of 1982.

Churches are urged to have Lay Evangelism Schools in preparation for the '82 Joint Crusade. Master copies of transparencies to be used in teaching Lay Evangelism Schools were sent to all Directors of Missions. 73 assocs. have a trained Coordinator of Lay Evangelism Schools who will train other pastors in the assoc.

"Prayer and Awakening" was theme of the 35th Statewide Evangelism Conference held Feb. 2-3 in the Thomas Wolfe Auditorium, Asheville Civic Center. About 2,400 attended.

Most associations have been involved in Bold Evangelism Clinics, encouraging church leaders to plan specific, on-going programs of evangelism in the local church, with the use of the notebook, Bold Evangelism through the Local Church. The other assocs. are asked to plan a Bold Evangelism Clinic, and churches are also urged to enlist a local church Task Force on Evangelism to involve more members in direct witnessing to unsaved persons.

2 - Evangelism

Some of the associations will be meeting before the dates of August 28, 29, and 30, but on these 3 nights, thousands of youth will be involved in our three Youth Evangelism Conferences.

The Youth Evangelism Leadership Conf. has rapidly become a major intensive equipping time for pastors and youth leaders. Key areas of the Conference are Personal Growth of the leader, youth witness training and discipleship and equipping adults to minister to youth.

Baptisms were up last year! Praise God! While it is too early to know, we all pray that N.C. Baptists are recapturing the desire & commandment of the Lord to "feed my sheep." If so, we shall surely continue to see more persons led to receive Christ as Lord!

The 36th Statewide Evangelism Conference will be held in Greensboro during Feb. 8-9, 1982.

On April 1, 1981, W.C. Lamb became Evangelism Consultant of the Hawaiian Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Jack Pugh

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Again this year 100% of our churches held a Vacation Bible School. This is encouraging as an example of this importance we are placing on teaching and training our youth.

With 12 churches reporting, we had a total VBS enrollment of 1002. Attendance was very good. White Plains with an average attendance of 96.2% of their enrollment barely nosed out Dover 96% - for the attendance prize! By going all out to reach their community, Pleasant Grove increased the children's enrollment by 49% and held an Adult class for the first time. This was held at a different time as they are the only church still holding daytime VBS. Rocky Face had a 20% increase in enrollment, which is also very good.

Now hear this! We had 24 professions of faith during VBS. We are beginning to get our priorities in the right place. Last year we only reported one. About one of every 10 pupils enrolled, or 101, were not in Sunday School anywhere. This shows a real effort to reach the unchurched in our communities. Add to those children approximately 131 parents, and you have a good sized mission field in your own backyard. Let's keep after that. Pray for these people. We discovered some parents who wouldn't let their children attend VBS even if we picked them up and brought them home. They need our prayers!

Mission offerings totaled $1140.00, with $324.00 given through the Cooperative Program. That is more than $1.00 per person. Wonderful!

Our team attended the State VBS Clinic, and we had good participation in our own Association Clinic-about 75 teachers and workers. Most of those present said the Clinic was very helpful to them. Many made the comment that they wished more of our workers would take advantage of this training. I would like to

take credit for this - but I can't. A very dedicated and capable group of teachers were on our team and each of them put a lot of time and effort into making their classes interesting and helpful. If your church is not attending the Clinic, you may be missing out on some very valuable training for your teachers. It is especially helpful to new teachers, and experienced teachers and their ideas are helpful to the rest of us. And sometimes even experienced teachers find out something new.

Last year I made the statement that, "We have proved we can improve, and I believe we will continue to go forward." This year we have gone forward. We must continue without a let-up and do even more next year to reach and train young people for the Lord. This must be our Number One priority, because the world is out there waiting to grab any that we let slip through our fingers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Louise D. Santorum
Associational VBS Director

TIME, PLACE, PREACHER

The thirty-third annual session of the Rocky Face Baptist Association will be held on October 27, 1982 at the Concord Baptist Church.

CHURCH TRAINING REPORT

During the past year I have attended the Key Leadership Conference at Ridgecrest representing this association in the Church Training Conference. I have also attended a training session on using Equipping Centers and on new member training.

During these training sessions I have heard much of "Here's Hope" the 1982 joint evangelistic crusade scheduled to sweep across North Carolina from the sea to the mountains in the spring. There's hope to reach the 2 million unchurched people in North Carolina and to reach the 265 people that are lost daily from Southern Baptist rolls. It scares me to hear that 2/3 of the Morman church comes from Baptist related homes, and that most of our new members never become active in the work of the church.

In the 9th chapter of 1st Corinthians, Paul compares us to an athlete running a race and speaks of training for it. In the 12th chapter he speaks of the church as the body of Christ and us as individually members of it. Without training in performing the functions of the church we are like athletes running in a marathon race with no training, we make a very poor showing against those with thorough training.

Church Training is the organization assigned the task of helping church members, new church members, and church leaders grow in their Christian discipleship. We need to strengthen the Church Training programs of our association, and to begin new programs and groups in our churches. Now that I have had some training myself please let me help you meet the needs of your church. If I don't know the answers at least now I know where to find them.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith R. Walker, Director

IN MEMORIAM

The following members of our churches have passed away since our last Association Meeting. May the Lord bless their memory to our good and His glory.

BETHEL: Mrs. Ila Johnson

CONCORD: Mr. T. C. Pierce
Mrs. Rosa Pierce
Mrs. Cleo Douglas

DOVER: Mr. Edd Mooney
Mr. Ned Teeters

MT. HEBRON: Mrs. Sarah Hubbard
Mrs. Grace Hubbard
Mr. Charlie Wike

MT. NEBO: Mr. Coy Allen

PLEASANT GROVE: Mr. Robert Branton, Deacon
Mrs. Stella Martin Levan
Mrs. Ralph Levan

ROCKY FACE: Mrs. Maggie Jolly
Mrs. Katie Loudermilt

SULPHUR SPRINGS: Mr. Pleas Lackey
Mrs. Wanese Nicholson
Mrs. Wood (Flossie) Lackey
Mr. Herman Sherrill
Mrs. Virgie Hines
Mrs. Vada Hines

TAYLOR SPRINGS: Mr. Roy Williams
Mrs. Ina Shumaker

WHITE PLAINS: Mrs. Cathleen Adams
Mr. Theodore Adams
Mr. Tom Yow, Deacon
Rev. J.A. Icenhour

PASTORS REPORT

CHURCHES	COUNTY	YEAR ORGANIZED AS A CHURCH	TOTAL BAPTISMS	OTHER ADDITIONS	MEMBERS LOST	PRESENT RESIDENT MEMBERS	PRESENT NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS	GRAND TOTAL PRESENT MEMBERS	VALUE OF PASTOR'S HOME IF OWNED BY CHURCH	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY INCLUDING PASTOR'S HOME	TOTAL CHURCH DEBT AT END OF THIS ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR
BETHEL	Alex.	1800	10	1	2	90	93	183		100,000	
CONCORD	Alex.	1852	7	5	7	185		185	80,000	150,000	7,843
DOVER	Alex.	1833	1	1	3			220		80,000	
FAIRVIEW	Alex.	1922	3	7	11	240	62	302	75,000	400,000	118,570
FRIENDLY CHAPEL	Ired.	1967	9	2	16	68	4	72		100,000	35,000
MT. HEBRON	Alex.	1915	11		5	266	14	280	75,000	200,000	
MT. NEBO	Alex.	1907	4		55	62	2	64		90,000	
PLEASANT GROVE	Ired.	1900	5	5	8	197	47	244	25,000	125,000	
ROCKY FACE	Alex.	1946	5	2				132		40,000	
SULPHUR SPRINGS	Alex.	1867	1	2	4	251	10	261	50,000	250,000	
TAYLOR SPRINGS	Ired.	1852	6	2	2	148	108	256		100,000	
WAYFOUND	Alex.	1966	3	5	1	115		115	45,000	85,000	21,000
WHITE PLAINS	Alex.	1912	19	5	40	290		290	65,000	150,000	

CHURCH CLERKS REPORT

CHURCHES	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES									
		ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS PROGRAM	STATE MISSIONS	DESIGNATED: SBS HOME MISSIONS (including Annie Armstrong Off.)	DESIGNATED: SBC FOREIGN MISSIONS (including LMCO)	DESIGNATED: CHILDREN'S HOME	DESIGNATED: HOSPITALS	DESIGNATED: HOMES FOR THE AGED	DESIGNATED: ALL OTHER	TOTAL OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES	GRAND TOTAL MISSION EXPENDITURES
BETHEL				1379.	176.	237.	210.	200.	107.	3200.	3600
CONCORD											
DOVER				221		100			650	971	971
FAIRVIEW		115		152	6947	200		200		7614	7614
FRIENDLY CHAPEL										516	516
MT. HEBRON	309			1043	4502	2800	2207		3917	14469	14778
MT. NEBO					360	120	120	120	1474	2194	2194
PLEASANT GROVE			138						7718	10663	10663
ROCKY FACE						50	50	50	1625	1775	1775
SULPHUR SPRINGS	12320	60	722	1034	1584				4171	7571	19891
TAYLOR SPRINGS	58			155	1113	264	111	82	367	2092	2150
WAYFOUND				1585	600		200		200	2585	2585
WHITE PLAINS	109.	125		1847.	1128.	870.	44.	802.		4928.	4928

CHURCH TREASURERS REPORTS CHURCHES	NUMBER TITHERS	TOTAL TITHES, OFFERINGS AND SPECIAL GIFTS	ALL OTHER RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	CHURCH STAFF SALARIES	MONEY PAID ON NEW CONSTRUCTION DURING YEAR	DEBT RETIREMENT DURING THE YEAR	CHURCH LITERATURE	ALL OTHER LOCAL EXPENDITURES	TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES
BETHEL	15.				13,340.		2,140	170	3,000.	20,021
CONCORD	15	17,101	360	17,461	5,490		746	298	2,567	9,101
DOVER		28,248	1627	39,876	11,960	7,795		754	1,574	22,084
FAIRVIEW		68,347	278	68,625	9,063		39,224	858	13258	62,403
FRIENDLY CHAPEL	8	9,875	24	9,899	5,369	469	1,214	469	1,474	9,538
MT. HEBRON		55,832		55,832	13,125			1138	9,415	23,678
MT. NEBO	18	27,795	642	28,438	17,903			570	6,298	24,771
PLEASANT GROVE		37,109	335	37,444	15,375			1495	9,650	26,520
ROCKY FACE	18	13,046	65	13,107	6,450			208	250	6,908
SULPHUR SPRINGS	40	53,998	1594	55,592	14,076			1663	13,416	31,775
TAYLOR SPRINGS	6	20,614		20,614	11,236			974	3,539	16,203
WAYFOUND	27	28,254		28,254	12,000		2699	618	7,389	22,707
WHITE PLAINS		29,970		29,970	13,175			1059	15,840	30,074

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT (5 yrs. & under	CHILDREN ENROLMENT (6-11 yrs or grades 1-6)	YOUTH ENROLMENT (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	YOUNG ADULTS (18-29 years or HS graduate to 29 yrs.)	ADULT ENROLMENT (20-59 years or 30 years to retirement	SENIOR ADULTS (60 & over or retirement and over)	GENERAL OFFICERS	TOTAL ONGOING SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT	AVERAGE WEEKLY SS ENROLMENT	TOTAL VBS ENROLMENT
BETHEL	100	8	20	4	17	7		70	75	80
CONCORD	3	1	10		17	8	5	49	30	42
DOVER	11	11	9	7	24	16		78	70	48
FAIRVIEW	32	25	26	40	34	28	3	197	136	110
FRIENDLY CHAPEL	10	13	9	2	9	6		49	38	76
MT. HEBRON	9	18	17	25	55	12		136	111	155
MT. NEBO	7	13	13	8	10	13		64	56	74
PLEASANT GROVE	15	18	29	21	35	27		145		151
ROCKY FACE	12	8	9	13	12			42	38	65
SULPHUR SPRINGS	13	30	26	20	37	27		157	126	71
TAYLOR SPRINGS	5	10	8	7	32	14	4	80	53	55
WAYFOUND		10	15	21	23			69	64	67
WHITE PLAINS	19	11	15	31	63	10		149	105	102

CHURCH TRAINING REPORT

CHURCH

PLEASANT GROVE

6	CHILDREN ENROLMENT (6-11 years or grades 1-6)
7	YOUTH ENROLMENT (12-17 years or grades 7-12)
	YOUNG ADULTS (18-29 years or HS graduate to 29 years)
53	ADULT ENROLMENT (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)
	SENIOR ADULT ENROLMENT (60 and over or retirement and over)
3	GENERAL OFFICERS ENROLMENT
69	TOTAL TRAINING UNION ONGOING ENROLMENT
26	AVERAGE WEEKLY CHURCH TRAINING ATTENDANCE

WMU REPORT CHURCHES	NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS			ENROLMENT		
	BAPTIST YOUNG WOMEN (18-29 years or HS to 29 years)	BAPTIST WOMEN (30 and over)	TOTAL NUMBER ORGANIZATIONS	BAPTIST YOUNG WOMEN (18-29 years or HS to 29 years)	BAPTIST WOMEN (30 and over)	TOTAL WMU ONGOING ENROLMENT
FAIRVIEW	1	1	2	23	17	42
MT. HEBRON		1	1	2	15	19
SULPHUR SPRINGS	1	1	2	10	14	25

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

On Saturday, July 15, 1922, a Presbytery consisting of Rev. J.P. Gwaltney, Rev. L.E. Barnes, and Deacon J.A. Campbell, and others met in the old store building of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah P. Hendren's, located on Cheatham Ford Road, Route 1, Hiddenite, N.C., for the purpose of organizing a new church.

Rev. J. P. Gwaltney presented the name Fairview which was voted on and accepted by those present. Rev. L.E. Barnes was elected as pastor and Lester Query as church clerk. Hunter Blankenship was elected to be the first Sunday School Superintendent.

The following persons presented themselves as charter members: Flora L. Hendren Millsaps, Effie Hendren LeVan, William Baxter Hendren, L. Minnie Hendren, W. Clay Hendren, Josiah P. Hendren, Nettie Hendren, Katie Hendren Allen, Gay Hendren Matlock, Leter T. Query, Lessie C. Query, George S. Parker, Barbery L. Parker, Perlie Parker Millsaps, William S. Parker, Dorcas R. White, Mattie Meadows, and Florence Adams.

The group used the old store building, which was formerly owned by Mrs. Florence Waugh, for their meeting place for approximately one year. Hunter Blankenship was in charge of Sunday School and Rev. L.E. Barnes served as pastor. In the latter part of 1922 and in 1923, Josiah P. and Nettie Hendren donated approximately two acres of land located near the old store building to the group for the purpose of constructing a brush arbor. This arbor was completed and used as their meeting place during the latter part of 1923. It was located where the cemetery is now.

Then the group began to work toward a better meeting place and was able to complete a white frame structure and accupy it by 1924. This church building was located on the west side of Cheatham Ford Road, south of the present cemetery. In 1950, the group renovated the white frame structure by adding five Sunday School rooms and two bathrooms, and by bricking the outside walls. In 1965 and 1966, additional Sunday School rooms were provided in the basement. During the late 1960's and early 1970's more construction was done by adding two bathrooms in the basement area.

On October 10, 1976, the church was seated in conference and voted to purchase four acres of land at a cost of $2,200 per acre for a total purchase price of $8,800. This land is located diagonally Northeast of the church cemetery, in the corner of Cheatham Ford Road and Center Church Road. On September 19, 1977, the church was seated in conference and voted to accept the proposed plans to erect a new dome church building on the four acres of land purchased in 1976. On Sunday, October 9, 1977, the groundbreaking services were held on the proposed site for the new building. The first church service was held on Sunday, April 15, 1979, with a Dedication Service at 2:30 p.m. Rev. James Locke, pastor of West Lenoir Baptist Church, Lenoir, N.C. delivered the message.

The present church sanctuary consists of two 39 ft. domes and a 60 ft. dome with a seating capacity of 450. There are 18 Sunday School rooms and the choir will seat 50. There is a spacious slate floor vestibule 18 ft. wide and 50 ft. long. Over 100 parking spaces are available on the paved area. The nursery is equipped with closed circuit TV. There are three crosses located in the ceiling of the Sanctuary which depict the entire meaning of Calvary.

3 - Fairview Baptist Church

The beginning church enrollment was 18. On September 16, 1932, a notation was made in the minute book that the church enrollment was 89. In October, 1959, this had increased to 202, in October, 1967, this had increased to 214, and October, 1971, the church enrollment was 238. The current membership as of September 27, 1981, is 302.

The church has been served by seven pastors including Rev. L.E. Barnes from 1922 until 1929. Rev. Grady D. White was called in 1930 and served until May 14, 1960. Rev. Charlie C. Holland served as supply pastor during 1959 and 1960 due to Rev White's health. Rev. James Sigmon was called June 18, 1960 and served until October 8, 1961. Rev. John West was called March 4, 1962, and served as pastor until October 27, 1963. Rev. Bill Dyson was called August 9, 1964, and served until July 20, 1975. Rev. Ernest Robinson served as interim pastor August, 1975, through June, 1976. Rev. Larry Robbins was called June 27, 1976, and served until July 6, 1980. Rev. Jack Blevins served as interim pastor from August 31, 1980, to October 19, 1980. Rev. D.L. Bumgarner served as interim pastor from November 23, 1980, to May 31, 1981. Rev. James Ruel Fox was called on June 7, 1981, and is presently serving as pastor.

Two ministers have been licensed by this church, namely Phil Branton, Route 1, Hiddenite, N.C. Phil accepted and announced his call to preach January 31, 1971. The church requested that Phil be licensed on March 28, 1971, and at the present time, he has not been ordained. James N. McLain, Route 2, Statesville, N.C., accepted and announced his call to preach July 23, 1977. The church requested that James be licensed on April 22, 1979, and at the present time, he has not been ordained.

Saturday, July 15, 1972, marked the Fiftieth Anniversary for Fairview Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Edd W. McLain
Church Clerk, Sept. 30, 1981